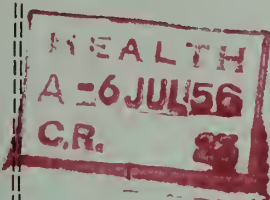


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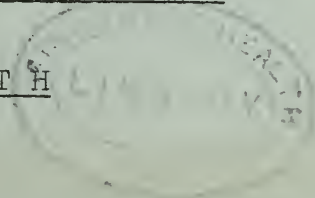
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PREFACE TO THE REPORT.

County Offices.
Haverfordwest.
April, 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Milford Port Health Authority.

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

I present my Report covering the activities of your
Authority for the year 1955.

There was an increase of approximately 82,500 tons
in the tonnage entering the Port during the year. This increase
was shared by both foreign going and coastwise traffic.

There are no appreciable exports, and the chief
import continued to be fish. The landing of fish showed an increase
of some 3,000 tons over the preceding year. The decline, which
had been running since 1951 appears to be checked.

The Port is being adopted to be used for the refitting
of oil tankers and other large vessels, as well as the refitting
of smaller auxillary ships. The extent of this development
cannot yet be authoritatively commented upon.

The bulk of this Report is a statistical summary of
the routine work carried out during the year under the guidance
of the Port Sanitary Inspector. It is endeavoured to maintain
a high standard of hygiene and sanitation in connection with the
Port, as far as matters relating to the Port Health Authority
are concerned.

I should like to thank the members of the Authority,
and the Officers, for their continued co-operation & courtesy.

I am,

Your obedient servant.

W.J.Y.Speedy.

Port Medical Officer of Health.

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY

1955 - 1956

Chairman: COUNCILLOR.C.IVOR.MALE.

Vice- Chairman: COUNCILLOR.F.L.WARD. J.P.

Haverfordwest Borough: Councillor.Claude.E.Davies. MM.
Councillor.C.Ivor Male.
Councillor.R.G.Noott.J.P.

Haverfordwest R.D.C: Alderman.James John. J.P.
Councillor.F.L.Ward.J.P.

Milford Haven U.D.C: Councillor.V.T.Cleaver.
Councillor.F.Jones.
Councillor.M.Kingston.
Councillor.W.R.Miners.

Narberth.R.D.C: Councillor.Wm.C.John.

Neyland.U.D.C: Councillor.G.F.Rees.

Pembroke Borough: Alderman.A.W.Hopkins.
Councillor.J.R.Williams.
Councillor.G.H.Jenkins.
Councillor.W.Ellis Evans.

Pembroke R.D.C: Councillor.H.D.Howells.

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CONSTITUTION OF AUTHORITY

By an Order dated 21/12/1875, Milford and Riparian Districts were temporarily constituted a Port Sanitary Authority. An Order of 24th April, 1878, made this permanent. A Provisional Order of 1897 repealed the above 1878 Order, and the Port Sanitary Authority was again permanently constituted by Order of 1/9/1898.

Previous to these Orders the Borough of Pembroke was temporarily constituted a Port Sanitary Authority in 1873, and acted as such until the Order of 1875 temporarily appointed Milford and the Riparian Districts as the Port Sanitary Authority.

The Joint Board at this time consisted of 13 members as follows:-

		<u>No. of Members.</u>
Pembroke Borough	... ..	3
Pembroke Rural	... ..	3
Haverfordwest Rural	... ..	3
Haverfordwest Borough	... ..	2
Narberth Rural	... ..	1
Milford Improvement Commissioners	...	1

By further Orders of the Local Government Board in 1898 and 1915, the constitution of the Board at present is as follows:-

The Borough of Pembroke	... ..	4
The Borough of Haverfordwest	... ..	2
The Urban District Council of Milford		2
The Urban District of Neyland...	...	1
The Rural District of Haverfordwest		3
The Rural District of Narberth	...	1
The Rural District of Pembroke	...	3

Neyland Urban District Council was made a Constituent Authority in 1915.

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BY THE MILFORD PORT AMENDMENT ORDER, - 1954

Statutory Instruments

1954 - No. 625

Coming into operation 4th June, 1954

"(1) The Joint Board shall be termed "The Milford Port Health Authority" and shall consist of sixteen representative members, to be chosen by the members of each of the undermentioned riparian authorities from amongst the members of its own body as follows:- namely:-

- Four by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Pembroke.
- Three by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Haverfordwest.
- Four by the Urban District Council of Milford Haven.
- One by the Urban District Council of Neyland.
- Two by the Rural District Council of Haverfordwest.
- One by the Rural Council of Narberth.
- One by the Rural District Council of Pembroke.

SECTION I. Staff.
Table A.

Name of Officer.	Nature of appointment.	Address and Telephone number.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.	Other Appointments held.
William.J.Y. Speedy.	Port Medical Officer of Health.	'Haroldston' Haven Road. Haverfordwest.	1st August 1950.	M.B., B.Ch. L.R.C.P.&S. D.P.H.	M.O.H. Western Districts. Pembrokeshire.
Robert Rees.	Port Sanitary Officer. (Whole Time)	'Garth' Wellington Road. Hakin. Milford Haven. Milford Haven 787.	1st December 1951.	M.R.San.I. R.S.I. S.I. Cert. Meat Cert.	Nil.
Frederick.C. Banner.	Clerk. (Part Time)	"Innisfree" Steynton Road. Milford Haven.	4th December, 1947.	-	Nil.

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SECTION II
Shipping Entering The Port During the Year
Table B

		Foreign (Tonnage)			Coastwise (Tonnage)				Fishing.		
No.		Steam Vessels.	No.	Motor vessels.	No.	Fishing	No.	Steam Vessels.	No.	Motor Vessels.	No.
1st Qtr.	25	76055	22	38141	13	759	14	3153	37	7878	491
2nd "	14	53486	21	19247	11	267	18	20691	33	8703	377
3rd "	16	40221	28	48251	33	1036	19	26411	20	3373	328
4th "	19	67826	16	43326	74	1385	17	14935	25	5116	356
Totals.	74	237588	87	148965	136	3447	68	65190	115	25070	1552
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6 Foreign Ships, and 182 Coastwise Vessels inspected by Port Sanitary Officer.
There were no Infected or Suspected Ships.

SECTION III

Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

TABE C.

1. Passenger Traffic NIL.
2. Cargo Traffic.
 - A. Exports - none of consequence.
 - B. Imports - Fish - 29,312 tons.
 - Potatoes - figures not available
 - Cattle Food- -do-
 - Scrap Iron - -do-
3. Foreign Ports from which ships arrived during the year:-
 Quebec, Port Said, San Francisco, Tripoli, Montreal,
 Casablanca, Hong King, Halifax (N.S.) Bangkok,
 Port of Spain, Las Palmas.

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SECTION IV

Inland Barge Traffic.

Nil to Report.

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SECTION V

Water Supply.

1. Water for drinking purposes came from the Milford U.D.C. supply. The source of this supply is the Prescelly Impounding Reservoir. The Water is subject to modern filtration and chlorination, and is routinely sampled at Source and consumption levels.

The taking of Water samples aboard Trawlers, for general bacteriological examination continued during the year. The results were as follows:-

		<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1st Quarter	=	42	3	45
2nd "	=	27	4	31
3rd "	=	15	30	45
4th "	=	34	8	42

		118	45	163
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These results were good, except for a period during the 3rd Quarter. In this period the water supply, generally, was difficult due to drought. Additional sources of supply were provided by the Milford Haven U.D.C. and for a time this additional supply tended to be somewhat contaminated. This however was quickly remedied.

Trawler Owners are advised regarding the keeping of water tanks in a clean and wholesome condition.

Water samples are despatched to the Public Health Laboratory Carmarthen, for examination and report.

2. Water from Trade Purposes. Special arrangements are in force at the Milford Haven Docks for the pumping-up of sea-water from the Haven for the purposes of washing down the Fishmarket and decks of Trawlers.

3. Water-Boats. Nil.

4. Hydrants and Hosepipes. Hydrants and Hosepipes are flushed with fresh water before filling tanks in Trawlers.

SECTION VI

Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952

1. List of Infected Areas.

A Weekly summary of Infected Areas is received from the Ministry of Health. The information in this summary is available for the Port Health Office and the Customs.

2. Radio Messages and Communications.

There are no arrangements made by the Port Health Authority for the sending and receiving of Radio messages, nor any other special arrangements for communication between vessels and the Authority, except via Customs Stations with which a close liason is maintained.

In view of the possible increase in the use of the Port the position may require reviewing.

3. Mooring Stations.

Outer Mooring Stations.

That part of the Haven bounded on the West by a line drawn 180° from the Flag Staff on the Fort on South Hook Point and bounded on the east by a line joining Little Wick, No 1 buoy, No 3 buoy, and Popton Point.

Inner Mooring Stations.

Normal places for mooring, loading and discharging.

4. Hospital Accommodation for Infectious Diseases (other than Smallpox)

The nearest Isolation Hospital is situated at Tumble, in Carmarthenshire (approximately 45 miles). This Hospital is under the control of the West Regional Hospital Board.

5. Surveillance of Contacts.

The Card register is available for the surveillance and follow-up of contacts.

6. Cleansing and Disinfection.

Ships. Arranged by Port Sanitary Officer.

Persons Clothing etc. No arrangements at the Port. Nearest Cleansing Centre is at the Priory Hospital, Haverfordwest (approx 7 miles).

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SECTION VII

Smallpox.

Smallpox cases would be transported to the Penrhys Hospital, in the Rhondda.

The responsibility for transportation, and the maintaining of the Vaccinal state of Ambulance crews lies with the Pembrokeshire County Council.

The name and address of Smallpox Consultant available is as follows:-

Dr.G.E.Harries. City Isolation Hospital, Cardiff.

Telephone No. Cardiff 960/1

There are no facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox in South West Wales.

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SECTION VIII

Venereal Disease.

The only service available for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease is the ordinary General Practitioner service, and through the General Practitioner, the Welsh Regional Hospital Board. There are no special arrangements for Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease at the Port of Milford Haven.

Posters are displayed in appropriate places in the Docks warning seamen of the dangers of Venereal Disease, and to report to the Port Health Centre if advice is required. There are no arrangements for preventive ablutions, etc, at the Port.

The nearest Treatment Centre is the Llanelly General Hospital, (approximately 50 miles).

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SECTION IX

Table D.

Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

Nil to Report.

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SECTION X

Occurrence of Malaria on Ships

Nil to Report.

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SECTION XI

Ships Infected or Suspected of Plague

Nil to Report.

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SECTION XII

Tables E & F

Rodent Control on Ships.

1. De-Ratisation Exemption Certificates.

The Port is now duly authorised to issue De-Ratisation Exemption Certificates.

Two such Certificates were issued during the year:

- (a) 2nd May - N.A.V. Amherst. (After H.C.M. Fumigation)
- (b) 14th Oct- M.V. Tremayne.

2. Rodent Control on Coastwise Shipping.

The following is a summary of rodent control on trawlers during the year:-

<u>No Treated.</u>	<u>Rats recovered.</u>	<u>Poison used.</u>
8	14 (black)	(Zinc & Warfarin {Phosphide

In addition 2 Rodent Control Certificates were issued to the R.F. Auxiliary Tug 'Empire Rosa'

3. De-Ratisation of Ships.

An arrangement was made during 1955 with the Swansea Port Health Authority for the De-Ratisation of Ships and to issue Beratting Certificates, within the area of the Port of Milford Haven. Approved by the Ministry of Health, and came into operation 1st July, 1955.

Rodent Control on Docks, Wharves, Warehouses, etc.

During the 3rd Quarter of the year the complete Fish Market was treated for rodent infection.

Other Infestations

Nil to Report.

Laboratory Examination of Rodents.

This can be carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen, but no rats were forwarded during the year.

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SECTION XIII

Table G

Inspection of Ships for Nuisances.

	<u>No of Inspections</u>	<u>Notices.</u>	
		<u>Informal.</u>	<u>Formal</u>
1. Sanitation & crews Quarters.	171	45	Nil
2. Infestation.	21	-	-

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SECTION XIV

Public Health (Snell Fish) Regulations 1934 & 1948

The South Wales Sea Fisheries District Committee have given the following location of small shell-fish beds within the area covered by the Port Health Authority.

ANGLE & KILPAISON.

There is a good cockle bed at Kilpaison, which has been exploited commercially on a small scale during the years since the end of the war.

There are small winkle & mussel beds at Angle.

DALE.

Small cockle & mussel beds.

PWLLCHROCHAN.)
GELLYSWICK.) Small cockle beds.
PENNAR GUT.)

RINGLY WELLS.)
GARN PILL.) Small mussel beds.

In addition small oyster beds have been laid at Dale, Angle and Pennar Gut.

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SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens.

Nil to Report.

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SECTION XVI

Miscellaneous

Burial of persons dying aboard ship is arranged by Shipping Agents or Milford Haven Urban District Council.

Disinfection and disinfection arranged by Port Sanitary Officer.

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SECTION XVII

Food Inspection.

1. Food Inspection was limited almost entirely to Fish, the following table shows the fish returns for the year ending 31st December, 1955:

<u>Despatched by Rail.</u>	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Despatched by Road.</u>	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>
1st Quarter.	7105	2	1st Quarter.	1034	8
2nd Quarter.	4458	8	2nd Quarter.	1553	19
3rd Quarter.	5301	3	3rd Quarter.	706	9
4th Quarter.	5386	10.	4th Quarter.	803	12
	22251	3		4098	8

Fish Offal at Fish Meal Works.

	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>
1st Quarter.	803	0
2nd Quarter.	653	11
3rd Quarter.	859	9
4th Quarter.	646	18
	2962	18

The only fish condemned was 9 Stone of Aberdeen Kippers on 3rd May, 1955.

2. The following table shows the Annual Amount of Fish landed at the Port since 1946:-

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Tonnage.</u>		
1946	59, 043
1947	53, 782
1948	49, 026
1949	31, 006
1950	26, 168
1951	33, 865
1952	33, 220
1953	32, 650
1954	26, 815
1955	29, 312

